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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Intelligence Staff, OCI

SUBJECT : SAC Proposal -- Analyst-to-Analyst Notes

REFERENCE : Undated Headquarters SAC Memorandum to CIA (Dated approximately August 1959)

1. This Office believes that proposals to increase interchange of information at the working level within the intelligence community are always worthy of exploration. In this connection the referenced recommendation from the Acting Director of Intelligence, SAC, concerning analyst-to-analyst notes warrants further consideration.

2. We believe this should not be implemented in the immediate future however since an agreement to exchange information on an analyst-to-analyst basis implies an exchange of detailed information. This Office is most interested in the development of additional discussions with SAC analysts as a follow up to the valuable SAC briefing session on Soviet SAM sites held in October with CIA officers. In addition the monthly Air Force Working Group meetings should be developed and expanded to cope with this need as expressed by SAC. Analysts from ORR who have attended the Working Group meetings on aircraft and on guided missiles and astronautics indicate that these meetings have been extremely useful. In their opinion such meetings currently serve to facilitate exchange of the type of information suggested by the SAC memorandum.

3. We should be pleased to consider further amplification of this type of analyst-to-analyst note proposal. We believe that for the present, ad hoc informal discussions with SAC analysts as well as the existing arrangement of Air Force Working Group meetings could meet most of our needs for exchange of information at a minimum cost of time to analysts and to the control channels.

4. We cannot comment on the special problems associated with the geographic intelligence support of SAC since other parts of the agency are involved in this activity.

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TO: Central Intelligence Agency
Wash 25, D. C.

THRU: HQ USAF (AFGIM-1A3)
Wash 25, D. C.

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2. In an effort to alleviate the problem a procedure has been established by Major General Dougher whereby analysts of AFIC and SAC D/I may exchange informal notes on their findings with a request for informal comments be returned. This procedure is for the time being restricted to the COMINT area.
3. Your comments are requested regarding the establishment of similar procedures between analysts of your organization and analysts of the Directorate of Intelligence, Headquarters SAC.

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